(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Criterion for acquisition of helicopter by the Helicopter Corporation of India

439. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Helicopter Corporation of India has acquired or is shortly to acquire helicopters of different sizes to run its various services;

(b) if so, what are the types of helicopters being acquired by the HCI and what is the criterion for their selection, particularly for medium and small size helicopters needed by the HCI;

(c) whether it is a fact that the leading and reputed manufacturers of helicopters have offered their products to HCI; if so, what are their names and the countries of their origin; and

(d) whether Government would consider appointing a committee of experts to evaluate various proposals for purchase of helicopters by the HCI before any further purchases are made if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Helicopter Corporation of India is in the process of acquiring 21 SA 365 N Dauphin 2 helicopters and 21 Westland W-30 Series 100—60 helicopters. These helicopters have been selected on technoeconomic and operational considerations.

(c) and (d) There is at present no proposal to acquire any helicopter in addition to the types of helicopters mentioned in part (b) above.

Appointment of regular Chief Executive of the Helicopter Corporation of India

440. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the affairs of the Helicopter Corporation of India are being managed by an Officer on Special Duty in the absence of a regular Chief Executive;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for allowing the Officer on Special Duty, to continue to discharge responsibilities of the Chief Executive of the Helicopter Corporation of India; and

(c) whether Government would consider appointing a regular Chief Executive of the Helicopter Corporation of India in the immediate future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) The Helicopter Corporation of India was set up in October, 1985, and it is intended to make the Corporation operational by the end of September, 1986. During the interim period, an Officer on Special Duty was appointed to deal with the preliminary task relating to making the Corporation operational.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Overhead light railway system for Delhi

441. SHRI P. N. SUKUL: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to have an overhead light railway transport system in Delhi; and

(b) if so, by when a decision may be expected in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) There is a suggestion for provision of Light Railway Transit System (L.R.T.)

in Delhi to cope with the increasing pressure of computer traffic. The proposal is at a very preliminary stage, and it is not possible to indicate at this stage by when a decision on the provision of L.R.T. in Delhi is expected to be taken.

Shifting of container operation from Calcutta port to Haldia by Shipping Corpodation of India

442. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Shipping Corporation of India has decided to shift its entire container operation from Calcutta Port to Haldia;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Calcutta port Trust (CPT) is setting up full-fledged container terminal and container freight station behind the 'D' berth of Netaji Subhas Docks at Calcutta Port; and

(d) if so, what is the purpose of creating new capacity when the existing container operation is being gradually shifted from this port?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) SCI is utilising the container handling facilities at Haldia for handling bulk of the import trade and also for the export of tea from the Inland Container Depot at Gauhati. However, some part of import trade and all export cargoes except the movement of tea from Inland Container Depot at Gauhati are handled at Gauhati are handled at Calcutta Port only. The reasons for utilising Haldia Port for handling bulk of the import trade by the SCI are as follows:—

(i) Haldia has a well established container handling facilities including container terminal.

(ii) Better out-put.

(iii) Low handling rates.

(iv) Better draft etc.

(c) A project for providing container handling facilities at Calcutta Port including (i) 2 Nos. Container Yard Cranes (ii) Container Park (iii) Container Freight Station and (iv) Service facilities like roads, electricity, Workshop, Water supply etc. is under implementation.

(d) As brought out above in answer to parts (a) and (b) of the question, only some part of the container operations have been shifted from Calcutta to Haldia and the container handling facilities being set up at Calcutta will not be affected because of the above.

Un-utilised or under-utilised equipments in Government Hospitals

443. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that number of imported equipments are lying un-utilised or under-utilised in the Government Hospitals in New Delhi for a long time;

(b) if so, whether any investigation has been conducted into the matter; and

(c) if so, the findings thereof and what steps are being taken for the utilisation of such valuable equipments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) There is always a time gap between the receipt of new equipment and its installation utilisation. Efforts are always made to minimise this gap. However, to get a total picture of the equipments lying un-utilised or under-utilised in the Central Governments Hospitals, the government has recently constituted a one man Committee

444. [*Transferred to the 1st August*, 1986].